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1. CONTACT GROUP REPRESENTATIVES IN PEKING MET APRIL 9
TO DISCUSS INSTRUCTIONS RECEIVED OVER WEEKEND AND DRAFT
MUTUALLY ACCEPTABLE GUIDANCE FOR APPROACH TO BE DELIVERED HERE.

2. CONSENSUS WAS THAT DEMARCHE SHOULD BE MADE BY FRENCH
AMBASSADOR ALONE IN NAME OF FIVE. APPOINTMENT SHOULD BE
REQUESTED MORNING APRIL 11 FOR MEETING THAT DAY WITH
FOREIGN MINISTER HUANG HUA. AMBASSADOR ARNAUD WOULD
DELIVER COPY OF BASIC PROPOSAL AS RECEIVED IN USUN 1102
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AND AN AIDE MEMOIRE SIMILAR TO MESSAGE TO BE GIVEN
SOVIETS BUT SUBSTITUTING THE FOLLOWING FOR LANGUAGE
MENTIONING DETENTE: "THEY (THE FIVE WESTERN SC
MEMBERS) ATTACHE THE GREATEST IMPORTANCE TO THEIR
PROPOSAL WHICH THEY CONSIDER AS A CONTRIBUTION TO THE
MAINTENANCE OF PEACE AND SECURITY IN AFRICA WITHOUT
FOREIGN INTERFERENCE AND IN CONFORMITY WITH THE WISHES

OF THE AFRICANS THEMSELVES. THEY HOPE THAT CHINA,
WHICH FAVORS SO MUCH THE PRINCIPLE OF SELF-DETERMINATION
AND THE INDEPENDENCE OF THE PEOPLES OF THE THIRD
WORLD WILL BE ABLE TO SUPPORT THIS INITIATIVE."

3. FRENCH AMBASSADOR WOULD ALSO PRESENT SHORT ORAL
ARGUEMENT IN FAVOR OF PROPOSAL EMPHASIZING OPPORTUNITY
PRESENTED SOVIETS IF TRANSITION IS NOT BEGUN SOON IN
AN ORDERLY MANNER UNDER UN SUPERVISION.

4. CHINESE REACTION TO PROPOSAL WILL DEPEND HEAVILY
ON HOW IT IS RECEIVED BY FRONTLINE STATES. WE WOULD
APPRECIATE BEING INFORMED PRIOR TO APPROACH TO PRC OF ANY
REACTION FROM TANZANIANS AND ZAMBIANS.
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